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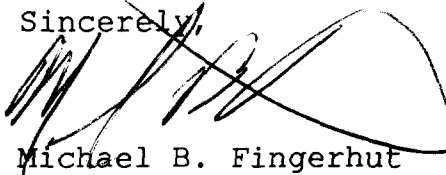
Re: **The Merger of MCI Communications Corporation and
British Telecommunications plc, GN Docket No. 96-245**

Dear Mr. Caton:

In its Comments filed January 24, 1997 in the above-referenced matter, Sprint stated (at 10) its understanding that MCI and BT may own close to 50 percent of the available capacity in the TAT 12/13 cable. Sprint has subsequently learned that the combined ownership of BT and MCI in such cable is 33.91 percent. Sprint, therefore, is submitting a new page 10 reflecting the correct ownership percentage and respectfully requests this new page replace the one in the pleading. Sprint apologizes for any inconvenience its correction here may cause you and your staff.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My direct dial number is 202-828-7438.

Sincerely,



Michael B. Fingerhut

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requirement for MCI to remain a separate entity from Concert's other subsidiaries and the prohibition on the use of confidential information of non-affiliated U.S. carriers obtained by Concert and its other subsidiaries to benefit MCI, are suggested by the special dangers entailed by the vertical integration of the dominant telecommunications provider in the U.K. and the second largest interexchange carrier in the United States. And, all of the requirements would appear to be necessary to protect competition by better enabling the Commission to detect, and perhaps deter, possible anticompetitive and discriminatory behavior.

It is especially important that the Commission ensure that BT not exploit its market power with respect to the TAT 12/13 cable system. As Sprint explained to the Commission in the *AT&T International Nondominance* proceeding, the TAT 12/13 cable has proven to be extremely attractive to customers since such cable will ultimately permit instantaneous self-restoration in the event of outages. Comments of Sprint filed January 11, 1996 at 34-35. It is Sprint's understanding that the cable is now close to being fully subscribed in large part due to the recent purchase by MCI of significant capacity, and that MCI and BT own (as of Jan. 17) 33.91 percent of the TAT 12/13 cable. Thus, some method will have to be devised to allocate the remaining capacity among the subscribing carriers. But such allocation raises a substantial risk of discrimination. The Commission may need to

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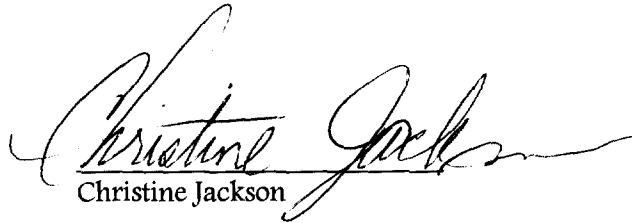
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